

LOCAL NEWS.

To Advertisers.

Nearly four thousand copies of the *Register* are circulated among the floating population every day, besides the large number served to regular subscribers. Advertisers will take note accordingly.

The Police Board—Election of a Superintendent.

The Board of Police Commissioners met in the Alderman's chamber yesterday afternoon, with all the members present.

The election of the superintendent being in order, Mr. Wm. B. Webb was nominated and elected on the first ballot. The election was then made unanimous.

Mr. Webb is a popular young lawyer of this city, and is in politics an Old Line Whig. In the last campaign he filled the office of treasurer of the Hall and Everett societies. He has also served in a military capacity, and on more than one occasion he has served as judge advocate.

Mr. Brown introduced a resolution to the effect that all appointments to be made immediately should be considered temporary, and that only those who prove themselves efficient men will receive a permanent appointment, which will be dated from November 1st.

The resolution was laid over until the next meeting.

The corporation attorney having given his opinion that the ex-officio members could not hold office in the board at the present time, Mr. Z. C. Robbins was elected permanent President.

A resolution was adopted affirming and ratifying all acts of the board to the present time.

And the board adjourned to meet to-morrow afternoon.

Attempt at a Swindling.

Yesterday afternoon, a German named John Kelf, came into Justice Johnson's office, and asked him how he was to get possession of his baggage, which he alleged was improperly detained at McKelvie's Hotel for debt, and to substantiate his statement he produced a receipt for his baggage. Officer King was sent to the hotel to get information of the affair, and the employees of the hotel were brought to the office.

Mr. McKelvie's statement was that Kelf came to the hotel with three trunks, and took board for four days, at the end of which time he asked for his bill, which was made out and received. He took the bill off him, promising to return it, and after a while he returned, however, he undertook by using the receipt in the manner named to get possession of the baggage of himself and the trunks.

Kelf, after finding that he had got himself in a scrape, began to make excuses, and Mr. McKelvie not likely to prosecute the case, the accused was released after having had the law on the subject read to him, and being warned against a repetition of the experiment by the justice.

Mr. McKelvie will hold on to the baggage now until the bill is paid.

Habena Corpus Cases.

There were two *habena corpus* cases heard before Judge Merrick, of the Circuit Court, yesterday morning. The first was that of Geo. W. Jackson, who was returned to jail at the last term of the Circuit Court, and who was charged with stealing several flower pots from John Douglas, not being drawn up in proper form. The plea set up by his counsel, Mr. McKelvie, was, that having been tried once and acquitted, he could not be tried a second time for the same offense.

The court, after hearing the argument, remanded the prisoner back to jail. The other case was that of a man named Patience, who was tried and convicted at Richmond, some time since, of opening and robbing letters, and sentenced to ten years' imprisonment in the penitentiary here. The prisoner prayed for his release on the ground that no authority for his detention can now be found. (It seems that the present warrant is unable to find, in the office of the prison, any papers whatever bearing on this case.) It was postponed until Saturday, to give the District Attorney an opportunity to prepare testimony for the United States.

A Bogus Officer.

A young man who was dressed in an old uniform coat on which were the shoulder-straps of a lieutenant, was arrested yesterday morning by the provost guard on the charge of impersonating Mr. James A. McDevitt on the island the previous evening, as he was seeing two young ladies home. He gave his name as Charles Temple, and at that time he was an Englishman by birth. He admitted that he had been in the army, and more than fifteen thousand dollars, the evidence of Mr. McDevitt was corroborated by Captain Selzer, of the brig Perry, who saw to the safety of the ladies while Mr. McDevitt went for the guard. He confessed that he was employed by General Porter, who had detained him for special duty at the Seventh street bridge. The justice sent the man to the provost guard to see if it was not a forgery, and committed the would-be officer to jail for a further examination.

The Provost Guard.

The provost guard still continue as vigilant as ever in the discharge of their onerous duties, and many delinquents are being constantly hauled up to the captain's office and made "to settle." Within a day or two past the cases of the following persons, arrested by the provost guard, have been disposed of by Justice Donn: Thomas Mason, charged with an assault upon Mrs. Shugro, was held to bail for court. Lemon Lough, being intoxicated and driving a car, was held to bail for court. Augustus Cook, charged with selling liquor to soldiers, has had his case ruled for a further hearing.

Arrival of Another Prize.

The propeller *Reliance*, Lieut. Myatt commanding, arrived at the navy yard yesterday morning, having in tow the schooner *Admiral*, of Baltimore, being laden with tobacco, which was captured last Wednesday below Fort Tobacco by the team of Yankee. At the time of her capture she had on board a number of passengers, who are still held as prisoners. The schooner now lies out in the channel under a guard of marine, her cargo of tobacco, in hogheads, being covered with canvas.

Sent Back.

John Gross, who was arrested about three weeks ago for robbing a jewelry store in Bethlehem, Pa., of a few dollars, and made his escape from the officers while being conveyed to Philadelphia, by jumping from the cars, was arrested day yesterday by Officers Lamon and Bartholomew, Philadelphia detectives, at a camp near Georgetown. He was taken back to Philadelphia yesterday.

Assault and Battery.

Russell Henson, dressed in the uniform of a soldier, was arrested by the provost guard last night on the Mall, near Twelfth street bridge, in the act of assaulting a man, named Charles Hays. He stopped Hays, and asked for ten cents, which Hays refused to give, and then he drew down Hays' hair, and threatened to hit him down. Hays immediately got up, but Henson seized him again, and thrust his hands in his pockets, in which position the guard caught him. This morning he was taken before Justice Donn, who held him to bail to appear at court.

A Scrimmage on Seventh Street.

Quite an excitement was created in front of the store of a well known clothier on Seventh street, a few days since, owing to a dispute about a coat, during which a citizen used offensive language to the dealer, ending in the former being ejected from the store. As the citizen reached the pavement, he struck the other dealer with his hand, and the latter immediately returned the blow, and administered a few pretty severe blows over the head and shoulders of the attacking party, knocking him down. The parties were then separated.

Accident.

A day or two since Samuel McNamee, a lad about ten years of age, son of C. McNamee, Esq., of the clerk's office, City Hall, had a thumb and finger blown off by the accidental discharge of a pistol with which he was playing. The frequency with which such accidents are occurring in the habit of handling fire-arms carelessly.

AN ARRIVAL FROM FORTRESS MONROE.

The steamer *Baltimore*, Captain Mitchell, arrived at the navy yard yesterday morning from Fortress Monroe, having left there the evening before. There is very little news worth noting.

A flag of truce came up just before the *Baltimore*, but its object was not ascertained. In coming up the bay, about thirty miles this side of Newport News, Captain Mitchell picked up four contrabands, the property of Confederate officers.

Released.

A. E. L. Keese, of this city, Smith Sull, and Dure and Magruder, of Hadenburg, and John W. Mankins, of Georgetown, who were arrested about a week since by order of the Government, and confined in the prison at the corner of the avenue and Thirteenth street, were released yesterday afternoon, after the charges against them had been investigated. The released prisoners speak in the highest terms of the officers and men in charge of the prison, who did everything in their power for their comfort.

Reported Killed.

A servant belonging to Craven Ashford, of Fairfax county, Va., came into one of our camps a day or two since, and reported that his master was killed in a picket-skirmish about a week since. Ashford was well known in this city, having some years ago served as a magistrate in the seventh ward.

Removed.

The primary school, kept by Miss M. E. Simmonds, in the basement of the New Jerusalem Church on Capitol Hill, has been removed to Cliff Green's row. The removal was made on account of the room being too damp for the scholars, and that the boys in the neighborhood were continually barking in the room and destroying the books and furniture.

Returned.

Mr. Samuel Phillips, one of the deputy marshals, returned to Washington from Paris yesterday morning, with the four children—two boys and two girls—of S. C. Barney, ex-lieutenant of the U. S. navy, as directed by the orphan's court. It is now probable that this case, which has occupied the attention of the court for a considerable length of time, will come to a speedy close.

Row in Georgetown.

There was a considerable row among a number of drunken negroes in Georgetown, night before last, during which one of them, named Jas. Connor, received a terrible blow over the eye, and, it is feared, had his skull fractured. He now lies in a critical condition.

Held to Bail.

Charles Pearson, charged with an assault with an axe on John McLeod, a few nights ago, had a hearing night before last before Justice Donn, by whom he was held to bail for court in the sum of \$250.

Declined.

Colonel W. W. Seaton has declined the appointment of Commissioner of the Police tendered to him by the President.

In Town.

Gov. Gamble, of Missouri, reached Washington yesterday.

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BY TELEGRAPH.

Rebel Troops Deserting.

New York, September 4.—The gunboat *Wyandott* has arrived here from Fort Pickens on 23d ult., and reports that the rebel troops are deserting in large numbers, and are going home.

The health of our troops is good.

The Colorado was at Fort Pickens; and the Santee, Keystone State, and Crusader, were at Key West on the 28th ult.

Col. Dehena Dismissed.

St. Louis, Sept. 4.—Col. Dehena, of the Indiana Legion, has been court-martialed on the charge of conduct unbecoming to an officer and a gentleman, and has been sentenced to be dismissed from the service of the United States.

The court was presided over by Gen. Pope, and the finding was approved by Gen. Fremont.

Transfer of Prisoners.

New York, Sept. 4.—The Confederate prisoners who were captured at the taking of the forts at Hatteras Inlet, were transferred from the steam frigate *Minnesota* to Fort Columbus, New York, this morning.

FROM FORTRESS MONROE.

Supplies Sent to the Garrison at Fort Hatteras.

FORTRESS MONROE, Sept. 3.—The steamer *Geo. Peabody* left Old Point for Hatteras Inlet at 4 o'clock, p. m., with a large quantity of commissaries and ordnance for Forts.

The gunboat *R. B. Forbes* was getting off the beach at Cape Charles night before last with three feet water in her hold, and proceeded to take her cargo to the fort.

The contraband slaves at Old Point now number eight hundred souls, including men, women, and children.

A flag of truce is just down from Norfolk with the crews of the barques *Rosena* and *Glen*, schooner *Mary Alice*, and brig *Joseph*, all captured by the privateer *Savannah*, with the exception of the *Joseph*, which was taken by the privateer *Savannah*. The captains and mates of the *Glen* were retained as prisoners at Richmond. The captain of the *Mary Alice* is almost direct from Charleston. He reports that the force there does not exceed 1,000 men, and that they apprehended an attack from the recent naval expedition to the North Carolina coast.

Congressman Ry is still at Richmond, and has to take his arrival in cooking and carrying a water for the prisoners.

Colonel Corcoran, of the 69th New York regiment, was lately put in irons for several hours for refusing to answer to his name on the roll.

Butter Richmond for coffee and sugar, ham, thirty cents, and coffee forty five cents per pound.

From Missouri.

JEFFERSON CITY, September 3.—The latest information from Lexington, concerning the safety of that place, and the withdrawal of the rebels. There is much dissatisfaction in McCullough's army. He is in Arkansas. This is reliable.

An expedition crossed into Gallows county last night, and destroyed the mill.

CAPE GIRARDEAU, September 3.—Gen. Prentiss's little army, which left Fort Monroe some days since, arrived at Jackson, some ten miles west of here, yesterday morning. Gen. Prentiss and staff are now here. No enemy was met during the march. The report that Gen. Prentiss took 150 prisoners is therefore false.

A scout arrived from Hardee's camp last night, and reported that the rebels knew the exact time General Prentiss left fronton, and immediately commenced retreating. Hardee was rapidly moving towards Arkansas, with 5,000 men, the improvement of the road reported to be strongly fortified at Lykstown.

ROLLA, Sept. 3.—The correspondent of the *St. Louis Democrat* furnishes the following:

A gentleman from Springfield, Friday evening, reports that McCullough's army, from Louisiana, and Arkansas troops, was moving toward Arkansas. He was last heard from at Clayborne Springs, near Mount Vernon. His wounded were also being removed from the Springfield hospital, and taken southward. On Thursday, the 29th ult., General Price, Parsons, Slack, and Churchill, moved towards Belvoir, with a force of some 12,000 men. When last heard of, they were marching towards Jefferson City, on the road between Bohar and Warsaw.

Only a portion of Gen. McBride's division remained in the city.

Thirty-eight of the Dent County Home Guards were surprised Sunday morning early at Bennett's Mills by 350 rebels, and two of them killed and eight wounded—one mortally. The killed and wounded were marching towards Jefferson City, on the road between Bohar and Warsaw.

The Home Guards retreated. Eighteen secession prisoners, who were taken by the guards at Bennett's Mills, were captured by the Union men, and the rebels, mistaking them for Union men, fired on them, wounding several.

The Rebel Force in Virginia.

LOUISVILLE, September 3.—A gentleman, who has just arrived in this city from Richmond, informs the *Journal* that he was captured at Matthis Point, on his way North, and returned for trial to Richmond.

He reports that the numbers of rebel troops in Virginia are greatly exaggerated in the North.

The actual numbers will not reach 70,000 in the State, many of whom are down with sickness, in substance corroborating the statement made in the *Journal* that only fifty per cent. of the fighting force are in the hospital. He further says that on Saturday last Davis was very ill, and little hopes were entertained of his recovery. At his trial at Richmond he proved that he was an English subject and was released.

Kentucky.

FRANKFORT, September 3.—There was nothing of importance transacted in the House to-day.

Judge Robinson, of Scott county, was elected President pro tem of the Senate.

Gov. Magoffin has privately declared to several members of the Legislature his intention to maintain the action of the Legislature, whatever it may be, to the extent of his power.

It is understood in Frankfort that Governor Magoffin refuses to play into the hands of rabid secessionists, and that he has declined to sign Mr. Breckinridge and refuses to demand the breaking up of the United States camps in Garrard county, and declares that he will submit to the will of the majority of the people of Kentucky, as may be expressed through the Legislature.

Arrival of a Prize.

New York, September 4.—The schooner *H. Middleton* arrived here this morning as a prize to the ship of war *Vandalia*. She was captured on the 21st, off Charleston, and was bound to Liverpool with a cargo of salt stores. She had previously been intended for a privateer.

Seizure of Southern Merchandise at Cincinnati.

CINCINNATI, September 4.—Yesterday the U. S. Marshal seized the interest of certain citizens of rebel States in merchandise now for sale on commission here, amounting to fifty thousand dollars.

The Nova Scotia Gold Mines.

HALIFAX, September 3.—The gold mines recently discovered in this province continue to be productive, and miners have had their labors not unsatisfactorily rewarded.

Another seizure of the Daily News was effected at Jersey City yesterday.

They were done up in small packages, for different parts of the country.

AN ACCOUNT SQUARED.

The Federal forces took exactly the same number of cannon at Hatteras last week that the rebels captured at Bull Run.

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